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SUBJ: EXILES IN ARGENTINA

1. RECENT STATEMENTS BY GENERAL PINOCHET OF CHILE AND
GENERAL BANZER OF BOLIVIA THAT GUERRILLAS FROM THEIR
RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES ARE USING ARGENTINA AS A BASE FOR
OPERATIONS AGAINST THEIR HOME COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN FULLY
REPORTED IN ARGENTINE PRESS. WHILE NO GOVERNMENT FIGURE
HAS COMMENTED ON THE STATEMENTS, LOCAL PRESS REPORTS INDICATE
PROVINCIAL POLICE IN MENDOZA ARE INVESTIGATING ACTIVITIES
OF CHILEAN EXILES SUSPECTED OF ENGAGING IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES
IN THAT BORDER PROVINCE.

2. ONLY POLITICAL REACTION TO DATE HAS BEEN FAR-LEFTIST
INTRANGENTE PARTY LEADER OSCAR ALENDE'S STATEMENT THAT
JUNTA LEADER PINOCHETS ALLEGATIONS WERE NOTHING BUT LIES
AIMED AT TURNING PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST ARGENTINA.

3. COMMENT: MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN ALENDES PREDICTABLE
OUTBURST IS FACT THAT POLICE ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST
POSSIBLE CHILEAN EXTREMISTS IN ARGENTINA BEGAN SO SOON AFTER
PINOCHET STATEMENT. THAT THE TIMING OF STATEMENTS BY
PINOCHET AND BANZER NOT COINCIDENTAL IS ALSO AN INTERESTING
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